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For: FLUORESCENT INK, AND INK

CARTRIDGE, RECORDING UNIT, INK-

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EMPLOYING THE FLUORESCENT INK)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

Japan 10-193775

Japan 9-132729

Japan 11-320921

Japan 10-298462

Japan 6-322307

Japan 7-305013

Japan 9-286939

Japan 9-255904

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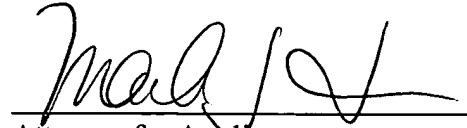
The foregoing documents were discussed in the specification at page 2 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/923,417, filed August 8, 2001 which has been commonly assigned with this application. A copy of the specification and drawings for the application is also enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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